

## **Joppa/Joppatowne Community Council**

Meeting Number 117 (12-11)

December 5, 2011

The Joppa/Joppatowne Community meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Joppatowne High School beginning at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Meeting Number 117 was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Chairperson Paula Mullis. Members present were Paula Mullis, JoAnn M. Macdonald, Gloria Moon, Jim B. Lyons, III, Ron Sollod and Doris Carey. Council members absent were Vincent Rabenau, Bob Frisch, Yvonne Baldwin and Betty Byrne. Chairperson Mullis opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance followed by a special greeting to community members. She reminded community members that the local council is here for the community, and more can get done when they come to meetings and share their concerns. Council members introduced themselves. A motion was made by Gloria Moon and seconded by JoAnn Macdonald that the November minutes be approved.

### **The Sheriff's Office / Community Policing Report**

Captain Chris Swain, Southern Precinct Commander, Harford County Sheriff's Office stated that over the past month it has been relatively quiet. However, there were a few burglaries, thefts from unlocked cars and construction sites. He suggested that if you have a need to get in touch with his office, call him at 410-612-1720. Open house for the new precinct building is expected to be the last week of January 2012. He also mentioned that you can go to [crime-reports.com](http://crime-reports.com) to find out what crimes have occurred on your street. Paula thanked Cpt. Swain for his report.

### **Presentation – Foster Branch Restoration**

A special presentation by Keith D. Tate and others of Bay Land Consultants & Designers, Inc. was made on sediment control measures and restoration plan for the Foster Branch watershed area. He discussed what can be done in the watershed area to eliminate the need for repeated dredging. His presentation included maps, charts and photographs depicting how Bay Land had successfully stabilized stream banks and restored watersheds in other areas. He discussed a plan for channel stabilization/restoration for Foster Branch and indicated that it would take approximately 9 months and cost approximately \$3.7 million to complete the project.

### **County Council and Community Update from Councilman Dion Guthrie**

Councilman Guthrie stated that through redistricting there is an additional councilman representing a part of Joppa. Councilman Joe Woods of District B will pick up a part of District A. Dion gave a brief background on the proposed waste transfer station in Joppa. He expects to draft a bill next week to address the proposed waste transfer station. He will inform the community when the bill comes before the council and encourages everyone to come to the council meeting to express opinions on the bill. He also mentioned that the Edgewood IHOP will reopen soon.

### **Community Council Member Updates**

Gloria Moon mentioned that the Master Plan will be going to the County Council in January 2012.

Paula Mullis said the Community Council is a great place to disseminate information; she asked community members to bring their concerns to the council.

Ron Sollod suggested that everyone should check batteries in their smoke detectors, be safe and have a Merry Christmas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes by Doris Carey